

# THE LACLEDE BLADE.

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## PASSING OF A PIONEER CITIZEN

### John H. Wilson, Despondent, Takes Own Life With Shotgun

John H. Wilson, a familiar character about Laclede for more than forty years, a man who was worse to himself than anybody else, wrecked in body and mind, ended his earthly existence Friday afternoon of last week. He had been sick and confined to his home for several days. He had lived alone for several years and depended on relatives and neighbors for help, when not able to care for himself. Shortly after noon Friday he left his bed, dressed in his best clothes, went into a vacant room and used a shotgun in such a way that the whole back of his head was torn away. The body was found about five o'clock and the coroner notified. He turned the case over to Justice O. F. Libby, who after viewing the body and consulting the relatives decided it a plain case of suicide and no inquest was held.

The deceased was born in the north part of the county on January 23, 1842, and had spent his entire life here. At the outbreak of the civil war he enlisted in the 18th Mo. and served nearly four years. His wife was a Miss Kennedy. She died more than twenty-five years ago leaving him with a family of six daughters, five of whom survive him. Four of these attended the funeral, being Mrs. Clara Zook and Mrs. Nellie Marlett, of Kansas City, and Mrs. Tillie Entfeld and Mrs. Bessie Duckworth, of Brookfield.

The funeral was held at the Christian church Sunday afternoon conducted by Rev. Dunkleberger, and attended by a large number of relatives and sympathizing friends. The remains were laid to rest in the Laclede cemetery.

### Rev. Mendenhall To Laclede

From Bosworth Sentinel.

Rev. J. D. Mendenhall who has been pastor of the local Methodist church for the past year, has been transferred by the Conference to Laclede. Mr. Mendenhall is an able minister, a profound thinker, an excellent Bible student and when he gets through with a sermon there are no scraps or ragged edges left. He gets all the meat there is to it and then sandpapers the bone. He is well posted in history, civil and political—of our country and is always prepared to make an interesting address on most any subject without a lengthy notice. Mr. Mendenhall and family have made many friends here, during their brief stay, and we take pleasure in recommending them to Laclede as splendid people and a valuable asset to any town.

### Farm Adviser Doing Good Work

Through the inoculation of hog cholera serum, Mr. E. J. Rodakohr has saved the farmers of Dade county \$7,000 in the last three months.

Mr. Rodakohr represents the college of agriculture of the University of Missouri as farm adviser. He inoculated 1,504. Half of these hogs were sick when treated. Nevertheless, all lived with the exception of 3.65 per cent. Among those that died, about 2 per cent were small pigs worth not more than \$3 each. According to F. B. Mumford, dean of the college of agriculture, to estimate the saving at \$7,000 is conservative.

## Local and Personal

Remember the P. E. O. bazaar December 13.

Brick for sale at the Hamilton lumber yard, Laclede.

Oysters and celery at the Model on Friday and Saturday. J. B. Patrick.

Attend the opening of the new novelty store of Miss Love next Saturday.

M. F. Clay shipped a car of cattle to the St. Louis market last Saturday night.

Mrs. Minnie Stambach of Meadville is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Triplett.

Claude Keithley, of Browning, is visiting his brother, W. P. Keithley, and family.

J. E. Marsh and family of North Salem spent Saturday and Sunday with Laclede relatives.

Mrs. Ezra Pease, of Laclede, is in a hospital at Chillicothe under the care of a physician.

Some barrels and kegs, clean and suitable for cider or molasses for sale at the Owl Pharmacy.

The ten per cent discount on rugs and linoleum at the Model lasts this week. J. B. Patrick.

You will always find the most stylish hats and lowest prices at Miss Hancock's millinery store.

If you want to keep your hogs healthy feed the government hog cholera remedy for sale at the Owl Pharmacy.

A. M. Walker shipped in a car of rock screenings this week to use in cement work on his farm on route three.

There will be a masked social for the benefit of the rest room at the G. A. R. hall Friday evening, October 31.

Epworth League meeting at 6:30 p. m. Leader, Loreta Clay, subject: Making Religion Attractive in Our Homes. Col. 3:12-17.

Mrs. J. W. Lomax entertained Wednesday at twelve o'clock dinner, the out of town guests being Mrs. Florence Lord and Mrs. Birdie Groetecke, of Brookfield.

Mrs. Ella Boyer has returned to her home in Wapello, Iowa, after a visit of several weeks with her brother, H. E. Mahurin, and wife on route three, and other relatives in Laclede.

### Forker Items

Miss Aletha Fall visited Miss Nettie Read Sunday.

Miss Mary Andrews visited Miss Grace Cole Sunday.

Miss Anna Packer was shopping in Brookfield Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Byrd visited in Laclede Saturday evening.

Mrs. A. T. Middleton and Mrs. Bert Wells were Laclede visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Frakes and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Graham Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lomax and family visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Brenner Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Welsh and Miss Belle Welsh visited Mr. and Mrs. Ross Louden and family Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Murphy and little daughter, Callie, are visiting relatives in Kansas City this week.

J. M. Thompson returned to his home in Nebraska Monday evening after a short visit with relatives here.

Ross Louden, Ira Frakes, E. G. Cole and Welmer Welsh attended the fat stock show at Kansas City last week.

## ABOUT ALL SORTS OF SUBJECTS

### Local Items and Interesting Bits of News of All Sorts

A surprise party was given Miss Marie Kent at her home last Tuesday evening, that being her birthday. About thirty of her young friends were present and spent a delightful evening. Delicious refreshments were served.

J. G. Clinfelter will hold a public sale of Jersey cows and Duroc Jersey hogs at his farm three miles south of Laclede on Saturday, October 25 to begin at 1 o'clock. Free lunch will be served at noon. Col. Shiflett is the auctioneer.

Miss Laura Love has completed arrangements and will open a novelty store in connection with the Love jewelry store. She will have an entire new line of goods and will be ready for business next Saturday. She invites the people to call on her.

An important meeting of the Modern Woodmen will be held next Wednesday night. All members are urged to be in attendance. A question of vital importance to the camp membership is to be decided and as large attendance as possible is desired.

It is not yet too late to have your house wired and enjoy electric lights during the long winter evenings. Lights are always ready. No lamps to clean; no coal oil can; no danger of explosions; no dirt or bad odor. For the same amount of light costs no more than coal oil.

In writing to have her subscription renewed this week, Mrs. Sophia E. Griffith, Brookfield, says: "Find money order enclosed to renew subscription for another year. THE BLADE seems like an old friend coming to see me each week that I am very glad to see. Wish you success."

Cards have been received here announcing the marriage of Ralph Wm. Gates and Miss Jennie Mae Callou, which occurred at Los Angeles, California, Tuesday, October 7. These splendid young people were formerly residents of this place attending the Laclede school. Mr. Gates removed to California with his parents several years ago, while the bride is the daughter of Mrs. O. E. Callou, of Brookfield. They will be at home in Lordsburg, Cal., after December 1, where Ralph has a good position with the Santa Fe. Their many Laclede friends extend their best wishes.

The American Reading Circle met in regular session at the pleasant home of Mrs. J. E. Welsh Tuesday evening with full attendance. The study for the evening was from the Bay View Magazine. Sierra Leon and Its Capital, and David Livingstone, were subjects led by Mrs. J. B. Patrick, and assisted by all members. At the close of the lessons a social time was enjoyed by all. The hostess served dainty refreshments assisted by her daughter, Georgia Loesa and Miss Beatrice Harter. The guests of the evening were Mrs. H. C. Lomax, Mrs. N. Byrue, Mrs. P. F. Weaver, Mrs. J. Clair Lomax, Mrs. A. S. Byrd, Mrs. Gus Bruns of Anaheim, Cal., Mrs. Allie Harter, Miss Ella Ong and Miss Beatrice Harter.

Judge O. F. Libby transacted business at Linneus yesterday.

## Jones' Jerseys Journey

W. Fiske of Davis, Cal., this week bought Jones Bros. fine herd of registered Jerseys and left with them Tuesday evening. This herd will be a valuable addition to California's blooded stock. Mr. Fiske says there is a deficiency of pure-breds, especially of Jerseys. Mr. Fiske lives in the Sacramento valley and reports a shortage of water there this season, which cut down the alfalfa yield somewhat, their average yield under irrigation being from 10 to 16 tons per acre.

He was very favorably impressed with Missouri and we regret that he could not have been here in one of our average years when the drouth had not cut down our crops. One of the things that impressed him most, however, was our good old Missouri sorghum, the kind that old Linn county makes, and he purchased a barrel of J. R. Hawes to take back and show the native sons what good 'lasses is. It is a safe bet that he will have to lock his cellar door, not so much to keep the flies away as to keep his neighbors from getting it in their hair.

## Death of Rev. Powell

Rev. L. C. Powell, a former pastor of the Laclede M. E. church, going from here to Oregon, Mo., two years ago, died at the home of his daughter in Chicago on Friday morning of last week. The funeral was held Sunday, the remains being buried in Forest Home cemetery, Chicago. His death was caused by cancer of the stomach and a complication of diseases from which he had suffered for some time. He was about 65 years old and a veteran of the civil war. Because of his kind and generous disposition and his true christian character Rev. Powell was loved by all who knew him and his death is deeply mourned.

## Surprised the Noble Grand

Last Tuesday evening was the regular meeting of Amana Lodge, I. O. O. F. The meeting was called to order by the noble grand, Tho. J. Wood and the regular amount of routine business attended to, but just as adjournment was taken a delegation of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs that had been in waiting swarmed into the hall and reminded the noble grand that it was his 52d birthday and they were there to celebrate the event. The arrangements had been made so quietly that Mr. Wood was completely surprised. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Garside, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Barbee, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Plowman, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Staley, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Haley, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wood, Mrs. Ida Groes, Misses Nellie Barber, Arvilla and Ethel Garside, Otis Trenton, Dr. J. L. Burke, Judge O. F. Libby, George Kranz, J. L. Ritchey, S. W. Cotter, J. W. Haight D. D. Grindstaff and Master Clifford Haley. A very enjoyable evening was spent, refreshments of pie, cake and coffee being served.

## Car of Potatoes

We will have our first car of Wisconsin Rural potatoes in next week; 75 cents per bushel at the car. Quality guaranteed. Phone us your order at once. Phone 156. S. H. MARGRAVE GROCERY CO., Brookfield, Mo.

The big rain yesterday virtually closes the automobile season on country roads.

## SHORT PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

### Brief Mention of Those Who Come and Go During the Week

Col. D. G. Shiflett was over from Meadville yesterday.

J. L. Welsh and family are down from Pollock for a visit with relatives and friends.

Miss Leota Ayers, of Hannibal, was the guest of Miss Gussie Bruns last Sunday.

Mrs. Ed Smith, of Milan, visited her mother, Mrs. M. J. Williams, here last Sunday.

T. H. Barbee is home from a two week's prospecting trip through the south part of the state.

Miss Ethel Sweem, of Linneus, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sweem.

Mrs. C. C. Bigger visited her son, Attorney B. E. Bigger and wife at Hannibal the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Gardner are spending a couple of weeks with their sons in Kansas City.

Miss Lucy Owen, of Spokane, Wash., is here for an extended visit, guest of Miss Loreta Clay.

Mrs. Louella Brown Kessler, of Kansas City, was the guest of Mrs. J. W. Lomax Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Chas. Brown, of Kansas City, and Mrs. Bessie Newland, of Randolph, are here on a visit to friends.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Elliott left yesterday to attend the synod of the Presbyterian church to be held at St. Joseph.

Miss Naomi Love of near Brookfield was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Margaret Weaver, the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Louise Lippitt and little son of Meadville visited her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Burke, the first of the week.

After spending a week with friends here and at Forker, J. M. Thompson returned to his home in Nebraska last Tuesday.

Rev. Dunkleberger will fill his regular appointments at the Christian church next Sunday, preaching morning and evening.

Mrs. Ida Hancock and little granddaughter, Helen Rice, of Queen City, visited over Sunday with her daughter, Miss Ella Hancock.

Mrs. H. Markham, Mrs. Robert Wheeler and Mrs. Crawford, of Brookfield, were calling in Laclede Tuesday, guests of Mrs. J. W. Lomax.

J. M. Kerr, a well known farmer from the Forker neighborhood, was in Laclede on business last Saturday and called and renewed for THE BLADE.

Rev. Mendenhall and family arrived from Bosworth Wednesday and are now at home in the M. E. parsonage. Regular services at the church next Sunday.

Mrs. C. C. Bigger went to Kansas City yesterday to attend a foreign missionary meeting, and from there will go to Tulsa, Okla., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Bynum Wise.

Thornie Lamme, who is attending Missouri Wesleyan college at Cameron, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Lamme, on route two.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Weaver with their guests, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Withrow, of Chillicothe, motored to Linneus last Sunday in the Weaver car and spent the day with relatives.